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Army Carts Lost Gear Back to Base

WAKE, Va., Oct. 21 (AP) — The Army continued today to track heavy equipment from a unique stockpile near this Middlesex County community, thought to be the repository for close to a million dollars worth of stolen military goods.

However, the only man charged in the case so far says much of the equipment massed on the 10-acre farm is legitimately owned, and added: "There's only about \$65,000 worth up there."

The remarks were those of Joseph F. Stanley of Hampton, who has been charged in the theft of material from Ft. Eustis, where he is an assistant quartermaster.

While the equipment rumbled from the field on U.S. Rte. 33 to Cheatham annex in York County, there were estimates it will take at least a week to clear the area of the collection of road graders, bulldozers, trucks, cranes and cargo parachutes.

Officially, Stanley has been charged only with "embezzling and stealing one . . . wrecker truck, property of the U.S. Army.

"I have cooperated fully with the FBI," Stanley said, "and am helping them recover all the equipment."

The Army and the FBI have refused to comment on the case.